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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 90-121 will be pending in this application upon entry of the above amendments. Claims 90-121 have been added. Claims 52-89 have been canceled. The amendments find full support in the original specification, claims, and drawings. No new matter has been added. This Amendment is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination. Entry of the amendments and an early indication of allowance of the now-pending claims 90-121 are respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejects claims 52-75 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaiser (U.S. Patent No. 6,615,408) in view of Freeman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,861,881) and Kim (U.S. Patent No. 6,028,964). Claims 76-80 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaiser in view of Freeman, Howe et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,818,438), and Kim. Claim 81 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaiser, Freeman, Howe, and Kim in view of Kitsukawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,282,713). Claims 82-89 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaiser, Freeman, Howe, Kim, and Kitsukawa in view of Settle et al.

Claims 52-89 have been canceled in favor in new claims 90-121. Applicant respectfully submits that none of the cited references teach or suggest the limitations of claims 90-121. For one, none of the cited references teach or suggest "object data including an indicia indicative that the video object is linked to one of the plurality of multiplexed program streams," where the object data is encoded "into a television broadcast signal" and a receiver receiving the television broadcast signal is capable of "reviewing the indicia in the object data for determining whether the associated video object is linked to one of the plurality of multiplexed program streams, and in response to a determination that the video object is linked to one of the plurality of multiplexed program streams, retrieving from the object data the identifier of the particular one of the plurality of multiplexed program streams, and switching from presenting a current multiplexed program stream to presenting the particular one of the plurality of multiplexed

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program streams," as is claimed in claim 90. Accordingly, claim 90 is now in condition for allowance.

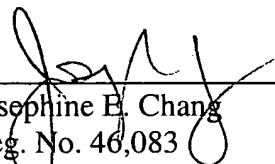
Independent claims 98, 106, and 114 contain limitations that are similar to the limitations of claim 1 which make claim 1 allowable. Accordingly, claims 98, 106, and 114 are also in condition for allowance.

Claims 99-105, 107-113, and 115-121 are also in condition for allowance because they depend on an allowable base claim, and for the additional limitations that they contain.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration, reexamination, and an early condition of allowance of the now pending claims 90-121 are respectfully requested.

If there are any remaining issues, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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